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April 21, 1999

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities &
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia WA 98504-7250

RE: *Railroad Company operations rule making*
Chapter 480-62WAC - Docket Number TR-981102

Dear Miss Washburn:

The City of Camas is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the commission's consideration of executive order 97-02. As a jurisdiction which is directly affected by rail activity, the City encourages the commission's review with specific interest towards verifying whether the current rules provide the results that were originally intended to achieve and secondly, regarding the notification of any railroad company activities that will affect our surrounding community.

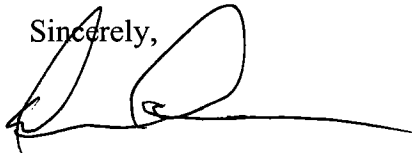
The Washington State Legislature has made a great effort to protect the quality of living and environment in our state. It would seem reasonable that the Utilities and Transportation Commission would evaluate their rules as they relate to the current Growth Management Act, the Shorelines Management Program, the Endangered Species Act, and recently adopted National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits, related to storm water control. Particular focus should be given to the latter three items, reflecting the proximity of rail lines in Camas to sensitive waterways and other fish bearing waters.

The city is interested in specific rules that would affect our community regarding train speeds, whistle procedures, grade crossings, blocking crossings, and any other activities that may affect the surrounding community.

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As a partner on this issue, we are interested in the opportunity to comment on the Commission's actions in the future. Please feel free to give either Doug Quinn, Interim City Administrator, or myself a call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dean Dossett
Mayor

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Council members